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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3411th meeting of the Security Council, held on 29 July 1994, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation concerning Western Sahara", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General dated 12 July 1994 (S/1994/819) on the situation concerning Western Sahara as well as the oral report by the Secretariat on 28 July 1994. It welcomes the progress made to date on the issues outlined in the Secretary-General's report towards the implementation of the settlement plan in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Council. It commends, in particular, the work of the Identification Commission and the efforts of the Deputy Special Representative pursuant to resolution 907 (1994) of 29 March 1994.

"The Security Council notes that, in the light of delays in the registration process, the Secretary-General has proposed a revised timetable for the organization of the referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara on 14 February 1995. It looks forward to the next report of the Secretary-General, at the end of August 1994, on the basis of which it hopes to be able to take appropriate decisions on the organization and timing of the referendum. In the meantime, it welcomes the intention of the Identification Commission to set 31 August 1994 as the deadline for receipt of voter application forms.

"The Security Council welcomes the goodwill shown by the parties thus far and urges them to continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General and MINURSO to ensure the earliest possible implementation of the settlement plan."

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